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1. Data on the occupation of the billets at the Finow (N 53/V 08) airfield which are reproduced on the attached sketch were obtained from a Soviet soldier on 4 February 1950. Three hundred soldiers including technical, weather and ground personnel were allegedly quartered in the cantonment at the field railroad station and the flying personnel in Finow. The soldier also said that he has recently met flying personnel in Finow whom he knew and who were previously stationed in Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67).
2. At least 25 to 30 jet aircraft with swept-back wings, rudder and elevator assembly and dark brown paint were parked behind the single-engine low-wing monoplanes and biplanes on the northern edge of the field on 5 February 1950. The total number of planes could not be determined as they were badly arranged. A single-engine low-wing monoplane and a biplane made flights between noon and 3 p.m. No twin-engine transports were parked at the field.
3. At the southeastern corner of the field a cable of about 40 mm diameter which branched off from the telephone line running along the Finow-Biesenthal (N 53/Z 97) road led to the airfield.
4. A local resident said that the jet aircraft had flown at noon of 1 and 2 February 1950, the individual planes staying aloft for about one hour.
5. Jet aircraft with swept-back wings, rudder and elevator assembly, painted silvery, length six to eight meters, practiced flying at the field between 8 and 11 a.m. and 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. on 6, 8 and 10 February 1950. The individual planes were aloft for about one to one and a half hour. The training flights

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were probably conducted by well trained pilots as climbing at a high speed, diving, looping, several rolls one after the other, spinning and side slips were observed.

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a. Two sources again confirm the presence of swept-back wing jet aircraft. The highest number of jet planes observed at the field at the same time was 31. More jet planes are probably stationed there. It is assumed that two component fighter-regiments of the III Ftr Corps are stationed in Finow. The regiments are apparently being reequipped with jet planes.

b. Two sources report that the jet planes stayed in the air for one to one and a half hour. The correctness of this statement cannot be judged. The longest flying time so far observed was 45 minutes. Efforts are being made to ascertain the correct time of flight of the jet planes.

c. From the information in para 1 it may be concluded that an air unit was transferred from Oranienburg to Finow. This assumption has not been confirmed.

1 Annex: Finow Airfield.

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